



CITY OF ST. MARYS
418 OSBORNE STREET
ST. MARYS, GEORGIA 31558

MINUTES for PUBLIC HEARING and REGULAR MEETING

St. Marys, Planning Commission
Tuesday, January 24, 2012
City Hall Council Chambers

PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

The following committee members were present: Royal Weaver, Larry Johnson and Doug Cooper. Charlotte Bartzack and Arlene Norris were not in attendance.

Roger Weaver represented the Planning Department.

The following items were heard in Public Session at a Public Hearing held Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 5:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers, 418 Osborne Street, St. Marys, GA 31558.

- A. **SPECIAL USE PERMIT** – Mary E. Woods, Camden Collision Center, 507 Charlie Smith Sr. Highway, St. Marys, GA 31558 is requesting a Special Use permit to operate an auto sales & auto repair shop at 507 Charlie Smith Sr. Highway. The property is zoned C-2. Tax Parcel 135E-026.

Ms. Mary Woods presented her request to the Planning Commission. The Woods had recently relocated their business from Olympic Lane to the 507 Charlie Smith Sr. Highway location. Ms. Barbara Lundin, 338 Charles Street, St. Marys, GA requested to speak to the Planning Commission expressing her opposition to the approval of the Special Use permit. Ms. Lundin stated she has a problem with the fumes from painting the vehicles repaired by the Woods. Ms. Lundin's property is behind the shop and shared she has had similar problems with previous businesses at that location. Ms. Woods stated the cars are painted in a paint booth. Their business is in operation from the hours of 8AM-5PM. There were no further comments from the public.

- B. **SPECIAL USE PERMIT** – Marla Dietrich, Cardinal Management, 10095 Main Road, Mattituck, NY is requesting a Special Use permit to conduct an Internet Sweepstakes Café (Players Connection) in St. Marys at 2714 Osborne Road. The property is zoned C-2. Tax Parcel 135-037B.

Marla Dietrich presented her request to the Planning Commission stating she was seeking approval for a Special Use permit as part of the required application process for the Electronic Sweepstakes Ordinance. The business opened prior to the Electronic Sweepstakes Ordinance being approved. Ms. Dietrich was informed at the time she would not be required to go through the application process until her next Occupational Tax Renewal. Ms. Dietrich is now in the application process and the Special Use permit is one step in completing the meeting the application requirements. There were no comments from the public.

Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing - Motion was made by Doug Cooper to adjourn the Public Hearing. Royal Weaver seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

REGULAR MEETING

Approval of Minutes of November 22, 2011 Meeting – Motion was made by Royal Weaver to approve the minutes. Doug Cooper seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Old Business - None

New Business

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Larry Johnson informed the commission members that a similar situation occurred in the past regarding the Dixon property at 1101 Charlie Smith Sr. Highway and, if the commission was in agreement, a request could be made to the Planning Department to research the resolution to the Dixon for consideration.

Royal Weaver made a motion to postpone this request until the February Planning Commission meeting to allow the Planning Department staff to research the resolution to the Dixon request; Second by Doug Cooper. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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A motion was made by Doug Cooper to recommend approval of the request to Council as presented; Second by Royal Weaver. There was no discussion on the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Granting Audience to the Public: No Comments.

Discussion:

- **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Motion was made by Royal Weaver to retain the same officers for 2012; Second by Doug Cooper. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- Revised DRAFT sign ordinance was presented in the Planning Commission member's packets. Roger Weaver asked the commission members to look over the revised sign ordinance to be reviewed at the February Planning Commission meeting.

Motion to Adjourn Regular Meeting – *Motion to adjourn the regular meeting by Mr. Cooper; Second by Mr. Royal Weaver. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.*